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Dr. Jagdish Arora, joined as the Director of Information and Library Network (INFLIBNET) Centre in August, 2007. Prior to his present assignment, Dr. Arora has worked as the Librarian and Deputy Librarian at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi from Sept. 2003 to August 2007 and from March 1991 to June 2002 respectively. He was also the National Coordinator of the INDEST-AICTE Consortium, one of the most successful consortia initiatives in India. He was also Librarian at IIT Bombay from June, 2002 to August, 2003. He was Documentation Officer at the National Institute of Immunology, Delhi (1983 - 1991) and Asstt. Documentation Officer, ICRISAT, Patancheru, A.P. (1980 - 1983).

Dr. Arora is recipient of Fulbright Professional Fellowship in Library and Information Science (1997 – 98), SIS Fellow (1999), Young Librarian of the Year (2001, SATKAL), Librarian of the Year (IASLIC, 1999) and ILA-Kuala Best Librarian Award, 2004. Dr. Arora was the Principal Investigator for several projects sponsored by agencies like AICTE, Deptt. of Biotechnology (DBT), Ministry of Information Technology (MIT), Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), the National Highway Authority of India and University Grants Commission. He is Principal Investigator of the Project entitled “National Library and Information Infrastructure for Scholarly Content (N-LIST)” funded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) under the National Mission of Education through ICT.

He was a member of the delegation that visited selected libraries and library science schools in Germany in 2002. He was a member of the delegation to Jakarta, Indonesia and Bangkok, Thailand deputed by the Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Science and Technology to discuss development of INDO-ASEAN S & T Digital Library in November 2003 and May 2007 respectively. Dr Arora was a member of the International Library Advisory Boards of IEEE and IEE.

Dr. Arora has more than 60 research articles to his credit that were published in learned research journals and as chapters in books and conference proceedings. He has presented research papers in several national and international conferences and symposia in India and abroad.

His current research interests includes consortia-based subscription to e-resources, digital libraries, digitization of old and fragile documents and their storage, database-driven Web interfaces and Web-based library services, Web-based learning and education, scientometric analysis, etc.